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- 1. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (KUX, MORLEY) MET WITH RAMAKRISHNA (INDIAN EMBASSY ECONOMIC MINISTER) APRIL 8 TO DISCUSS FREE FOREIGN EXCHANGE (FFX) INITIATIVE. WHILE HE WAS AWARE OF THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF USG PROPOSAL, RAMAKRISHNA WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH ALL DETAILS. THESE WERE PROVIDED.
- 2. RAMAKRISHNA WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN REACTIONS OF MAJOR CREDITOR NATIONS SUCH AS GERMANY, JAPAN AND UK. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT USG DESIRE TO AVOID RESCHEDULING DEBT THIS YEAR WOULD RESULT IN SIMILAR DECISION BY OTHER CREDITORS. WE ASSURED HIM THAT SO FAR NO CREDITOR HAS RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO U.S. PROPOSAL, THAT ALL WERE STILL CONSIDERING RESCHEDULING DEBT (OR HAD NOT RULED IT OUT IN CASE OF JAPAN), BUT THAT WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DEFINITIVE RESPONSE FROM ALL.
- 3. RAMAKRISHNA TOLD US WORLD BANK WAS PREPARING PAPER FOR CIRCULATION WHICH SEEMED CONSISTENT WITH FFX IDEA AND WOULD PERMIT CREDITORS USE VARIETY OF MEANS PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY

AID TO INDIA WITHOUT INSISTING EACH CONSORTIUM MEMBER RESCHEDULE SOME DEBT. ACCORDING RAMAKRISHNA, BANK PAPER WILL BE CIRCULATED IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.

4. COMMENT - RAMAKRISHNA WAS UNAWARE OF EMBASSY NEW DELHI DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI, BUT SEEMED FULLY AWARE OF PROBLEMS WE FACE WITH CONGRESS IN FURTHER DEBT RESCHEDULING. HE SAID SECRETARY SIMON REVIEWED THESE WHEN FINMIN SUBRAMANIAM WAS HERE IN JANUARY. ON WHOLE, DISCUSSION WAS UPBEAT; WHILE OBVIOUSLY UNINSTRUCTED, RAMAKRISHNA DID NOT TRY TO KNOCK DOWN USG APPROACH; HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS THAT WE NOT ACT IN WAY THAT LED OTHERS TO PULL OUT OF DEBT RELIEF EXERCISE. KISSINGER

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